

HOUSE BILL 1757

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-412(a), is amended by designating the existing language of the subsection as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) "Secure the payment of workers' compensation" means obtaining coverage that meets the requirements of this chapter and title 56. However, if at any time an employer materially understates or conceals payroll, materially misrepresents or conceals employee duties so as to avoid proper classification for premium calculations, or materially misrepresents or conceals information pertinent to the computation and application of an experience rating modification factor, such employer shall be deemed to have failed to secure payment of workers' compensation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-412(f)(4), is amended by deleting the language "obtain workers' compensation insurance" and by substituting instead the language "secure the payment of workers' compensation."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-412(i)(1), is amended by deleting the language "obtain workers' compensation insurance " and by substituting instead the language "secure the payment of workers' compensation."

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.